

The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc

HINGES & TONGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS SEPT.-JUNE AT ST. PAULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRADING & TALKING 7PM FORMAL PROGRAM 8PM

MAY - JUNE

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Annual Banquet & Auction

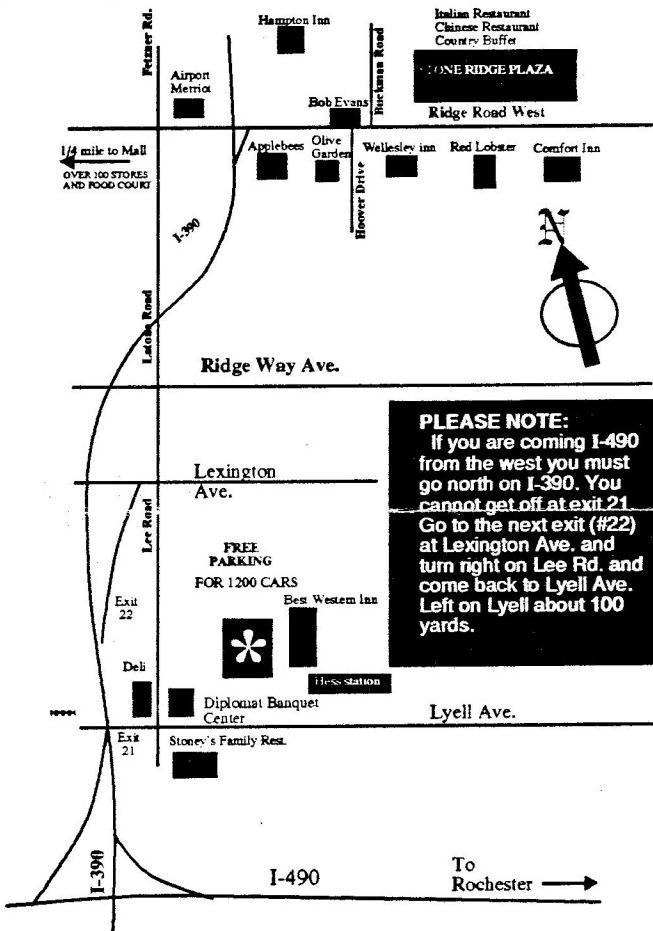
June 14

cocktails @6:30, 7pm dinner
Diplomat Banquet Center
1 Diplomat Way
Gates, N.Y. 14606

SEE MAP FOR DIRECTIONS

Ham
Roast Beef
Roasted Chicken
Salt Potatoes
rolls
Ziti
Fresh Garden Vegetable
Coffee, Tea or Milk
Ice Cream

June 9th deadline for reservations
call Paul Gerwitz at 865-6745



Each member can bring up to 7 lots for the auction.

June Meetings

June 12 Annual Business Meeting
election of officers
silent auction
June 26 Strawberry Party-Auction

No meetings during July & August. Have a great summer.

MEMBERS AND MORE MEMBERS

In addition to the new members reported last issue, two more have joined the R.P.A.: **Bob Melnyk** of Rochester. He reports that he collects U.S., Canada, and British Canal Zone.

John Hotchner of Falls Church, Virginia.

Most recently, John served as a judge at ROPEX-97. Topping his list of interests and activities (which are many) are used U.S. with corner tabs or markings, Errors, Freaks and Oddities, Christmas Seals, and the 1908-1922 Washington-Franklins.

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In June dues for 1997-1998 will be due. Don't forget, RPA dues are \$15.00 per year.

So far, ten members have already paid their dues for the coming year; many thanks to them -- and to you who will be paid by or before the due date of July 1, 1997.

Want free membership for a year? Bring in two new members to the club and your dues will be paid up! Several of our group have done just that: Joe Doles, Tom Fortunato, Rick Kase, John Kellas, Ada Prill, Jim Trenton, and Norm Wright.

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It's great to see so many at our club meetings. But, please, heed this little saying I saw recently:

"If you see someone without a smile,

Give him/her one of yours!"

The idea is - if you see someone you don't recognize, or who may appear new to the surroundings, by all means, introduce yourself, learn their name and make them feel welcome.

FOR OUR COMPUTER FRIENDS

APS Home Page

<http://www.west.net/~stamps1/aps.html>

RPA Home Page

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~stamptmf/rpa/rpa.html>

TIME FOR TOPICALS

The March-April *Topical Time* instead of concentrating on one theme for the issue, offers instead a savory smorgasbord of articles.

Visit the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" through philately on page 21. Or try finding the castles in the article by Vincent De Luca. "The Other Newfoundland" -- the dog not the country -- is well illustrated with stamps on the subject.

For a change of pace, "Thematic Cigarette Cards" might be of interest (page 29). You can also learn about "Windjammer," shells, "The Good Samaritan," or weather satellites, and other topics, all shown on stamps.

See Joe Doles to check out this issue from the RPA library.

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American Philatelist/Journal of the American Philatelic Society

Western States Civil War Patriotic Covers

by James W. Milgram, M.D.

Western printers published a variety of patriotic designs on lettersheets and covers, as shown by this survey.

Cast Your Ballot

The slate of candidates is presented, along with voting instructions.

U.S. Self-Adhesives Come of Age

by George Wren

A collector counts down twenty-one years of those no-need-for-water, peel-and-stick stamps.

Song Sheets with Style

by William Weiss Jr. and Philip Jones

Research uncovers at least 700 different Civil War songsheets by publisher Charles Magnus.

The 10¢ 1847

by Wade Saadi

This third in this three-part series reflects on the storied 10-cent issue, and its role in some of the world's foremost collections and controversies.

Unraveling a Mystery

by Ernst Cohn and Peter Rathjen

A World War I cover sent by courier from Budapest to Berlin is anything but ordinary.

Beatle by Mail

by Gary Dunauer

A large abbreviated signature and doodle by musician John Lennon turn a fan's post card into a one-of-a-kind collectible.

Any article can be had by contacting Joe Doles for 10¢ a page plus postage.

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSN.

**Explanation of Ballot
(for Suggested Constitutional Changes)**

Proposition I - Matter of change to allow a president to succeed himself/herself:

Vote for one option only – A or B or C (improperly marked or unmarked ballots will be declared void for this proposition [#I]).

Purpose: The purpose of Proposition I is to determine if an RPA President may succeed himself/herself; and if so, for how long.

Article IV, Section 1 (a) presently reads:

“Section 1. The Officers of the RPA shall be:

a) President, who shall not succeed himself or herself unless he or she has not held the office for a complete term. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RPA and perform all duties usually associated with that office. . . .”

Article V, Section 1 presently reads:

“The Board of Governors of the RPA consists of the yearly elected RPA officers, three elected Governors-at-Large, and the immediate past RPA President who serves one year only....”

- A. Change to allow President to serve with no term limitation (Board recommendation)

Choosing Selection A is a vote to Change Article IV, Section 1(a) to read as follows:

“a) President, who shall preside at all meetings of the RPA and perform all duties usually associated with that office. . . .”

and to Change Article V, Section 1 to read as follows:

“The Board of Governors of the RPA consists of the yearly elected RPA officers, three elected Governors-at-Large, and the immediate Past RPA President The three . . . etc.”.

- B. Change to permit a President to serve a maximum of two (2) successive terms

Choosing Selection B is a vote to Change Article IV, Section 1(a) to read as follows:

“a) President, who may be re-elected for a second one-year term only, shall preside at all meetings of the RPA and perform all duties usually associated with that office. . . .”

and to Change Article V, Section 1 to read as follows:

“The Board of Governors of the RPA consists of the yearly elected RPA officers, three elected Governors-at-Large, and the immediate Past RPA President, who may serve up to two years. The three . . . etc.”

- C. No change

Choosing Selection C is a vote to leave these Articles unchanged

Proposition II - Matter of provision for filling a vacancy on the Bd. of Governors:

Vote for one option only – (improperly marked or unmarked ballots will be declared void for this proposition [#II]).

YES NO

Purpose: The purpose of Proposition II is to provide for the filling of an unexpired term of governors-at-large in the same manner as now specified for all other elected officials.

(Board recommendation)

This proposition would Change Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution to read as follows by adding the text which is in **bold type and underlined**:

"The Board of Governors of the RPA consists of the yearly elected RPA officers, three elected Governors-at-Large, and the immediate Past RPA president . . . Should a Governor-at-Large vacate the office during her/his term, that vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of this Constitution."

Proposition III - Matter of providing for an Annual Internal Audit

Vote for one option only – (improperly marked or unmarked ballots will be declared void for this proposition [#III]).

YES NO

Purpose: The purpose of Proposition III is to spell out the *Internal* nature by which the annual audit is conducted.

(Board recommendation)

This proposition would Change Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution to read as follows by adding the text which is in **bold type and underlined**:

"The Board of Governors shall appoint an Auditing Committee which will report their findings to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. The Auditing Committee of three (3) members, made up of RPA members, excluding elected Officials and Governors-at-Large, will examine and perform an internal audit of the accounts of the Treasurer at the RPA meeting prior to the Annual Business Meeting in June."

Submitted April 15th 1997 by:

Norman E. Wright, Sr.

Donald Schurr

John Kellas III

PACIFIC 97

It's going to be a "Really Big She-ow" (apologies to Ed Sullivan); but it's not on television, it's to be in San Francisco, California.

In case you hadn't heard, it's PACIFIC 97, an international stamp show that has been in the planning for the past 11 years. Slated to open May 29, 1997 and continue through June 8, this show features everything large:

- . A bourse of nearly 200 dealers, from 18 countries plus US.
- . Postal agencies from 110 countries, including, USPS.
- . Uncounted societies and association meetings.
- . Exhibits - 585 of them - from 57 countries, in 3589 frames.
- . To be judged by a jury of 42 members, 10 apprentices, with two senior consultants and an expert committee.

Some familiar names jump out at us: John Hotchner and Ann Triggle on the jury; Bill Bauer, a senior consultant.

All of this largeness will be housed in San Francisco's Moscone Convention Center, itself a study in "large." The exhibit hall is 836 feet long; there are 31 meetings rooms, a ballroom, and more.

The Moscone Center is named for the city's late mayor, George Moscone who in 1978 was gunned down by an assassin in city hall. (Killed at the same time in full view of several spectators was city supervisor Harvey Milk.) The Center is in an area of the city formerly full of dingy warehouses.

One thing that is NOT big is admission to the show - that is FREE!

It appears from various reports that the only other things that won't be very big are the wallets of the attendees after the show! But they will probably tell us it will all be worth it.

Whatever their adventures at Pacific 97 - philatelic and otherwise - we wish them all well.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Much criticism and many complaints results in a new ballot and fact sheet enclosed in this issue. Thanks to Norm Wright, Don Schurr and John Kellas. I hope the issues are much clearer now.

1997 USPS Issue Calendar

To obtain a first-day cancellation address your request to the postmaster of the first-day city. If you prepare your own covers, purchase your stamps at the post office, affix them to your envelopes and insert a postcard-thickness stiffener. Place your covers inside a larger envelope and address your request to: "CUSTOMER-AFFIXED ENVELOPES" NAME OF STAMP, C/O POSTMASTER, CITY, STATE AND 5-DIGIT ZIP CODE FOLLOWED BY -9991. Plain, non-cacheted FDCs may be ordered from the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center, U.S. Postal Service, Box 419636, Kansas City, MO 64179-9996.

May 22 32¢ Bugs Bunny

Self-adhesive stamp, pane of 10, and booklet of 10 picture postal cards. Burbank, CA 91505

May 29 50¢ Benjamin Franklin

In sheets of 12 based on the 1847 Franklin stamp portrait. San Francisco CA 94188 at the Pacific 97 world philatelic exhibition or after May 8 to June 8 to PFSC, USPS Box 7247, Philadelphia, PA 19101-9014

May 30 60¢ George Washington

In sheets of 12 based on the 1847 Washington stamp portrait. San Francisco CA 94188 at the Pacific 97 world philatelic exhibition or after May 8 to June 8 to PFSC, USPS Box 7247, Philadelphia, PA 19101-9014

June 2 20¢ postal card Golden Gate

Card showing view bridge and San Fransico from Marin County, San Fransico, CA 94188

June 2 50¢ postal card Golden Gate at Sunset

Card showing bridge looking toward Marin County, San Fransico, CA 94188

June 4 Marshall Plan

Single 32¢ commemorative stamp, pane of 20, Cambridge, MA 02139

June 10 Humphrey Bogart

Single 32¢ commemorative stamp, Legends of Hollywood series, pane of 20 and uncut sheet of six panes, Los Angeles, CA.

June 21, Canada Goose

Single \$15 federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp issued by U.S. Department of the Interior.

July 19 Classic American Aircraft

Pane of 20 32¢ commemorative stamps, Dayton, OH 45401

July 25 Legendary Football Coaches

Eight 32¢ commemorative stamps depicting Paul "Bear" Bryant, George Halas, Vince Lombardi and Glen "Pop" Warner: pane of 20 with all four designs and panes of 20 of individual designs with added red bars; Canton, OH; and Tuscaloosa, AL 35401; Chicago, IL 60607; Green Bay, WI 54303; and Philadelphia, PA 19104.

For President:
Tom Fortunato
For Vice President
John Kellas III
For Recording Secretary
Don Schurr
For Corresponding Secretary
Joseph Doles
For Treasurer
David Roehrig
For Board of Governor (3 year term)
Chuck Schultz

Remaining Board Members are:

Richard Kase til '98
Ada Prill til '99

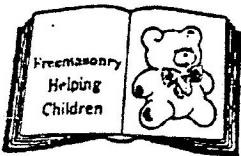
RE: BALLOTS

In this issue of the Hinges & Tongs you will find two ballots. The first is for the annual election of RPA officers. This ballot must be returned no later than June 12, at the annual business meeting.

The second ballot is for the Constitutional Changes. A complete explanation has been enclosed. To allow for the 30 days notice required by the clubs' Constitution this ballot does not have to be returned until June 25. The results of this ballot will be announced at the last meeting of the season on Thursday June 27.

LATEST CANCELS

DEDICATION OF THE FRANK AND BETTE PAUL SCOTTISH RITE CHILDRENS LEARNING CENTER
CHILDRENS LEARNING CENTER STATION
JULY 12, 1997
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14605



"FREEMASONRY HELPING MANKIND"



Just before putting this issue of H&T to press I received a phone message from Tom Fortunato that he had left a copy of the latest pictorial cancel to be released by the Rochester PO. This cancel will be used Aug. 15 & 16, 1997 at the Toy Train National Convention.

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